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GLEAM OF HOPE?

Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr. O'Malley Confer Again.

FUTURE OF SHANGHAI.

Russian News Agency Denies Troop Moves.

The most important item in to-day's news about China is a cable from Hankow stating that the Nationalist Foreign Minister, Mr. Eugene Chen, and the British Legation representative, Mr. O'Malley, have had a meeting for the first time since the rupture of negotiations.

Another interesting message refers to the future of Shanghai, concerning which American action is interpreted as meaning the eventual abolition of the international character of the Settlement.

SHANGHAI'S FUTURE.

Abolition of the Settlement Foreseen.

Washington, Feb. 7. The text of Mr. Kellogg's note to Peking and Canton suggesting that Shanghai should be a neutral zone was published last night.

It is an expression of United States willingness to negotiate regarding the future status of the Settlement and is interpreted in diplomatic circles here to mean the eventual abolition of the international character of the Settlement.

SIGNIFICANT!

Mr. Eugene Chen Sees
Mr. O'Malley.

Hankow, Feb. 7. Mr. Eugene Chen to-day had a conference with Mr. O'Malley for the first time since the rupture of negotiations.—Reuter.

It is believed that the Note was addressed to the Chinese military, not civil, officials, because it thus avoids the technical recognition of the Canton Government.

It is significant that Mr. Kellogg speaks on behalf of all the foreigners in the International Settlement, and it is known that the proposal, although made independently, was communicated to the Ambassadors of the interested Powers in advance.—Reuter's American Service.

British Government's Sympathy.

London, Feb. 7.

The British Government fully sympathises with the idea behind the United States suggestion regarding Shanghai cabled on Feb. 5, which is regarded as shewing considerable co-ordination of view with British policy, namely to ensure the safety of foreigners in Shanghai.—Reuter.

[A Washington cable dated Feb. 6] stated:—The American Government has made a proposal to both Canton and Peking that the Shanghai International Settlement should be excluded from the theatre of hostilities. The proposal has been sent to Mr. McMurray for transmission to the Northern and Southern warlords. No answers have as yet been received.]

NAVAL WIRELESS MESSAGES

Customs House Cleared Of
Troops.

The following wireless messages were received overnight by the local naval authorities.

Troop movements down river from Ichang continue.

The Customs residences have now been cleared of troops.

A message from Hankow yesterday evening stated that the situation remained quiet and at the time the message was despatched the "day of mourning for the martyrs" had passed off without incident.

A Kiukiang message states that troop movements up the river continue.

BRITAIN AND ITALY.

Independent Policies Completely
Coincide.

Rome, Feb. 7.

The text of the United States Government's proposals to eliminate the International Settlement at Shanghai from the zone of warlike activities has been issued.

It points out the importance of the area to the Chinese, the huge investments there and the necessity for maintaining order in a Settlement through which passes forty per cent of the trade of China.

After expressing confidence that Chang Tao-ling and Chang Kai-shek will lend sincere support to the proposals, the Note says: The United States Government will be ready to become a party to friendly, orderly negotiations properly instituted and conducted with regard

SHANGHAI DEFENCE.

Cantonese Pressure
Relieved?

AN IMPORTANT SETBACK.

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The defeated troops are retreating towards the Kiangsi border.—Reuter.

If correct, the above report signifies a definite and important setback for the Cantonese in their operations towards Shanghai.

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Measures for the protection of their respective nationals in China are now reported to have been taken by Japan and Italy, as well as by Great Britain and the United

States. A Japanese cruiser and four destroyers with a landing party have been ordered to await instructions at Sasebo.—British Wireless.

KOWLOON TRAIN.

Plastered With Virulent Posters.

Yesterday afternoon's through train from Canton to Kowloon was found to be plastered throughout with anti-British posters and propaganda of the most virulent kind on the arrival of the train at Shun Chun, on the border, these having apparently been placed there during the train's transit through Chinese territory.

The local Police conducted a search of passengers on the train's arrival at Kowloon but nothing of an incriminating nature was found.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

America and Shanghai's Defence.

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"KO CHOW" SURPRISE.

Police Drop Charge
Against Twenty.

ONLY ONE MAN TO BE TRIED.

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FAIR.

FRESH NORTH-EAST WINDS.

Russia, Feb. 7.

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TWO PRIESTS SAFE.

Hankow, Feb. 7.

The two Catholic priests have reached Hangzhou. Both are well.

—Reuter

[A Hankow message dated Feb.

5 said: Somewhere in the icy lush-covered wilderness in the north-west of Hupeh, barefoot and without clothing except trousers and undershirts Fathers E. Macdonald and Patrick O'Connel of the St. Columbans missioners are being dragged into the interior by some 2,000 members of the Farmers' Union. Their church at a small village 150 miles from Hankow has been completely destroyed. On January 25, the two fathers were stabbed, beaten, disrobed and marched off barefoot and they have not been heard of since.]

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 13/16.

LAST RITES.

Funeral of Japan's Late Emperor.

PICTURESQUE SPLENDOUR.

Tokyo, Feb. 7. Amid scenes of impressive solemnity and picturesque splendour the last mortal remains of Emperor Taisho were escorted this evening to the temporary pav

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Hong Kong, 7th Feb., 1927.

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Teak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Ice Chests, Teak Sideboards with Bayonet Mirrors, Teak Dinner Waggon, Crockery, Glass Ware, Kitchen utensils, etc., etc.

Teak, Iron and Brass Bedsteads with Mattresses, Teak Single and Double Wardrobes with Bevelled Mirrors, Teak Dressing Tables with Bevelled Mirrors, Teak Chest of Drawers, Marble Top Wash-stands, Chamber Stands, Toilet Sets, etc., etc.

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1. Cottage Piano by F. Doerner & Sohn, Stuttgart.
2. 2-Valve Set.
3. Enamelled Bath.

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Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 7th Feb., 1927.

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at No. 2, Waverley Terrace (Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.)
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FURNITURE

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On View from Sunday the 13th
February, 1927.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 7th Feb., 1927.

NOTICES.

PEAK CLUB.

MEMBERS and SUBSCRIBERS
are reminded of the FANCY
DRESS DANCE to be held on

FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY
at 9.30 p.m.

Application for tickets should be
made immediately to the No. 1 Boy
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E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary
Hong Kong, 8th Feb., 1927.

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AN ORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING will be held at the
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Road, Central, on WEDNESDAY,
9th February, 1927, at 5 o'clock
p.m.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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GENERAL MEETING of
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will be held at the Hong
Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on
SATURDAY, the 12th February,
1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ended 31st
December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
5th February to the 14th February
(both days inclusive), during which
period no transfer of shares can
be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 29th Jan., 1927.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS
in this Corporation will be held at
City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY,
the 26th February, 1927, at
Noon, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Court of Directors
together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Corporation will be CLOSED
from MONDAY, the 14th February,
to SATURDAY, the 27th February,
1927 (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of
Directors.

A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1927.

STILL AN ANIMAL.

MAN MISSING THE ROAD TO
HEALTH.

At the annual meeting of the
New Health Society, Mr. R. S.
Provost said that five days before
he resorted to natural methods of
cure he had been given six hours to
live. He had been attended by
twelve doctors. He gave up drugs
for ten days, never tasted food, and
took only orange juice. In twelve
days he had practically recovered.
Now he had been passed as a first-
class life by an insurance company.

Sir Arbuthnot Lane, who presided,
said that for a long time it had
been painfully obvious to all ob-
servers that the members of all
civilised communities had been
undergoing a steady and rapid pro-
cess of degeneration; that their
physique had been becoming more
and more enfeebled, that they
readily became victims of disease,
and that when attacked succumbed
only too readily to it. The
startling rapidity with which can-
cer was destroying lives was due
to the rapid spread of the use of
white bread and the innumerable
articles of diet the vital ingredients
of which had been destroyed or re-
moved by mechanical, chemical, or
other means.

People living in a state of civilisa-
tion too readily imagined that be-
cause of the development of their
mental faculties they were no
longer animals, and that they could
dispense with nature. And could
not their failure to function nor-
mally by artificial means.

The basic cause of all the trou-
bles in civilised life, moral as well
as physical, is a want of proper
attention to the normal functioning
of the gastro-intestinal tract,
which resulted from artificial and
unnatural diet in the first instance.

To avoid taking trouble and having
recourse to natural food, poisonous
drugs, which annoyed the
intestines by their irritant qualities,
were taken in abundance. All
purgatives were deleterious and
should be absolutely unnecessary
if suitable food were eaten and
normal habits adopted. That the
bulk of disease was already regard-
ed as avoidable only meant that
within a short time it would be
regarded as criminal to have any
disease or disease which resulted
from the neglect of the laws of
health.

NEW YORK'S 1,750,000 JEWS.

Jews "says the New York (cor-
respondent of the London "Times,")
now comprise nearly a third of the
population of New York City, ac-
cording to estimates based upon
the Jewish Education Association's
recent survey, which gives the
number of Jews as 1,750,000 out of
a total population of 5,924,000. In
the past decade the number of Jews
has increased by 250,000. Their
children of school age number 350,000, or 38 per
cent of the child population of the
city.

During the past five prosperous
years there has been a marked
movement of Jewish families away
from Lower East Side, West Side,
and Harlem, districts with a poor
type of tenement, out into the
suburbs of Upper Bronx, Brooklyn,
Queens, and other desirable Long
Island sections with houses or the
newer type of apartments.

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stuffy wheezy breathing to distress
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of a cold and contains no narcotics.
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Hainan, from Makasser.

Taytrace, from Alameda Cal.

E. A. LEGGATT,
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Hong Kong, 3rd Feb., 1927.

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Hong Kong, 8th Feb., 1927.

DIVORCE LAW.

JUDGE ON NEED OF
PUBLICITY.

"PEOPLE OUGHT TO KNOW."

"There has been much discussion
recently as to what was the effect
of public knowledge in cases of
this kind. One of the effects is
illustrated in the present case," said

Lord Merrivale, in the Divorce
Court in half week, in dealing with
the petition of Mr. Alan Cecil
Gifford, of Boundary-rd., St. John's
Wood, London, who sought a decree
of nullity against his wife, Phyllis, on
the ground of her alleged misconduct
with the co-respondent, Mr. Leonard George Freeman.

The suit was not defended.

Evidence was given by the petitioner,
by Mrs. Annie Robbins, of The Grove,
Hammersmith, nurse, and Miss Marjorie Peplow, peti-
tioneer's clerk.

At the recent hearing, Lord
Merrivale said he had grave doubts
whether the petitioner was a competent
person to bring divorce proceedings
against the co-respondent.

He found that the charges of
misconduct were proved and ordered
that the case should stand over
for argument on the question of
consanguinity.

Mr. Noel Middleton, for the peti-
tioner, submitted that there had
been no collusion.

Lord Merrivale said the petition
in his mind stood in this position:
While the husband was away from
his wife and the wife was carrying
on with the co-respondent, the husband
and purchased his. (Gifford's)
consent to a continuance.—Mr.
Middleton: Yes.

Lord Merrivale: Well, if you can
quote any procedure which gives
the Court liberty to make a decree
in such circumstances, I shall be
glad to hear of it.

Mr. Middleton said that in the
present instance the husband had
complained of his wife's conduct
with her chauffeur, and later with
regard to the co-respondent.

The petitioner began divorce
proceedings against Mr. Freeman
without claiming damages. These
were somewhat delayed, because
there was already a petition on the
file in which the co-respondent was
the chauffeur.

At the time when the second peti-
tion was pending Mr. Freeman, the
co-respondent, became aware of it,
and with the desire, perhaps, mainly
to protect himself, and perhaps to
protect the woman, he sought out
Gifford entirely on his own
initiative.

An interview was arranged be-
tween the two men and the hus-
band agreed to accept a sum of
money from the co-respondent by
way of damages and costs.

On the next day Mr. Gifford, the
petitioner for divorce was field, and
the petitioner at once informed the
solicitor of what had happened.

The solicitor immediately repudiated
the arrangement.

Lord Merrivale said this was a
husband's petition for divorce,
alleging acts of misconduct between
his wife and the co-respondent on
various dates in 1926, but mainly
from March to July, 1926, when the
wife and co-respondent lived to-
gether at East Sheen.

The present petition was the
second which the petitioner had
filed alleging misconduct between
his wife and Mr. Freeman.

It appeared that while the second
petition was pending the husband
and the co-respondent were in
communication, and the husband en-
tered into an agreement, the basis
of which was the payment to Mr.
Gifford of £1,750, with provision for
the future payment of £750 in

the event of his wife's death.

The petition was dismissed.

OLD-TIME MEAL.

VAIN QUEST FOR REAL
ENGLISH MENU.

Where is the old-fashioned Eng-
lish dinner? It is not to be found
easily, a returned exile complains,
in London.

To a London, "Daily Chronicle"
representative the traveller related
the tale of his search for a typical
English dinner.

"I have been away from England
for 25 years," he said. "During
the greater part of the time I have
been indifferently fed, and I made
up my mind that I should celebrate
my return to London by an old-
fashioned dinner, such as our cook
used to give us in my old home
when I was a young man. I wanted
something rather more than a chop
in a good chop-house or a slice
of beef and two vegetables.

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ASSAULT CASE.

"ACHILLES" FIREMAN
JAILED.

A charge of assaulting Mr. J. G. Innes, 8th engineer of the British ship "Achilles," whilst on the high seas on Jan. 19, was preferred against two Chinese firemen at the Marine Court yesterday.

Defendants were Yim Tim and Lui Kau, both natives of Wai-chow (Kwangtung province).

His Worship, the Marine Magistrate, (Lt.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N.) discharged Yim Tim and sentenced Lui Kau to a month's hard labour, any moneys due to him to be expended in his maintenance in prison and on his repatriation.

DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong on Feb. 7 by the N. Y. K. "Haruna Maru" for Shanghai and Japan were: Mr. A. M. d'Eca, Baroness E. de Sigalas, Mr. A. H. Leslie, Mr. L. Moers, Mr. H. H. Haidliners, Mr. Tenon, Mr. W. A. Stewart, Mr. R. Grimshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Burrington, Mr. A. Marcel, Mr. Gash, Mr. J. R. Torrey, Mr. F. Reed, Mr. A. T. Tetsell, Mr. J. B. Brown, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. B. Baxter, Mr. H. C. Collaco, Mr. A. Hurry, Mr. W. A. S. Price, Mr. F. Becker, Mrs. Clara Gutierrez, Miss M. Knudsen.

Among the passengers who sailed from Hong Kong on Feb. 6 by the N. Y. K. "Korea Maru" for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco were: Miss C. H. Pott, Mr. G. Bonavita, Mr. A. C. Scott, Mr. N. S. M. Gunnis, Mr. N. G. Gid, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Miss H. Taylor, Rev. and Mrs. W. L. King, Mr. R. L. Masten, Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Smith, Mr. J. J. Raftery, Mr. E. Fraser, Mr. A. E. Wiseman, Mr. H. A. Spencer, Mr. A. Ruh, Mr. H. S. Seipstein.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 84 ocean-going vessels in Hong Kong harbour, of which 40 fly the British flag.

Departures for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day were 12 and arrivals 14.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

On the last voyage here from Sourabaya, the Dutch s.s. "Tjikarang" reported the death of a deck passenger at sea.

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How the tonnage of British motor vessels increased to a considerable degree during the year 1926 is shown in figures given in the current issue of the "Board of Trade Journal."

There were remaining on the registers at ports of the United Kingdom (including the Isle of Man and Channel Islands) at the end of 1925, 1,965 motor vessels aggregating 496,731 net tons, an increase since the end of 1924 of 7.75 per cent. in the number of vessels and 29.50 per cent. in net tonnage. The large increase in net tonnage and the comparatively small increase in the number of vessels is accounted for by the relatively rapid development of ocean-going vessels having propelling machinery operated by explosion motors.

During the year 1925, it is further stated, a total of 105 new motor ships of 118,000 net tons were added to the registers. Other additions included thirty motor vessels, totalling 8,800 net tons, which were purchased from foreigners, and thirty-five motor boats, aggregating 930 net tons, which were conversions from sailing or steam vessels. The motor boats deducted from the registers during 1925 included fourteen vessels of 497 tons lost through wrecks, fifteen vessels of 363 tons broken up, and thirty vessels aggregating 5,000 tons which were sold to foreigners.

As regards manning, it is interesting to compare the ocean-going motorships with the steam ships of the same net tonnage. In 1925 the most economical motor ship from the point of view of the average number of tons per person employed was the vessel of between 4,000 and 5,000 net tons, which required one person per 80.23 net tons. This is partly explained by the large proportion of oil tankers included in this class.

A steam ship of the same size employed one person per 68.04 net tons. The most economical steam ship is the vessel of approximately 3,000 net tons.

SIERRA LEONE'S RECORD
YEAR.

"The year was in every way most prosperous," states the annual report on Sierra Leone for 1925. The export of palm kernels, the Colony's staple product, exceeded the record figure set up in 1924; the rice harvest was large, and the stabilisation of the Colony's finances enabled the Government to embark on a scheme of important and urgently-needed public works.

A further increase of 419,560 tons took place in the tonnage of vessels entered and cleared during the year. British shipping absorbed almost the whole of this increase and appropriated 72.82 per cent. of the total tonnage of vessels entered.

American vessels entered showed a decrease of 1,081 tons.

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	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 10	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6	
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 27	
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 17	
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 29	
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 19	
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 10	
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 22	July 31

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CONNECTING SAILINGS TO LIVERPOOL.

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MONTRÉAL	April 2	MONTRÉAL	June 3
MONTCLAIR	April 23	MONTRÉAL	June 24

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA	8,007	Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
		Noon	
SELLORE	6,852	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHIGAR	9,006	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NAGPORE	5,283	14th March	S'gon, M'ses, L'don, H'burg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	16th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	M'ses, L'don, Antwerp, R'dam & Hull
KHYBER	9,113	9th April	M'ses, L'don, Antwerp, R'dam & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	16th April	M'ses, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,007	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,441	30th April	M'ses, London & London
SELLORE	6,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
KHIVA	9,115	14th May	S'gon, M'ses, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	25th May	S'gon, M'ses, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,118	29th May	M'ses, London & London
KASHMIR	9,025	11th June	M'ses, London & London
MANTUA	10,602	25th June	M'ses, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	9th July	M'ses, London & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd July	M'ses, London & London

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TILAWA	10,000	12th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
		1 p.m.	
TALMA	10,000	16th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
GAMBHIRA	5,257	8th March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,956	4th March	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Illoilo, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April	
TANDA	6,956	3rd June	
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st July	
ARAFURA	6,000	29th July	

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TANDA	6,956	9th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NAGPORE	5,283	12th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
		6 a.m.	
SHIRALA	7,841	12th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MONGOLIA	10,504	18th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
GAMBHIRA	5,257	18th Feb.	Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKLWA	10,000	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,114	11th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DRVANIA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
LAHORE	5,652	27th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,007	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	4th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
PERIM	7,648	12th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
SELLORE	6,853	16th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	16th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MOREA	10,058	29th April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe

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NEW FOREIGN AND COASTAL SERVICES.

Statistics just published by the Italian Government show the total Italian mercantile tonnage included on June 30 last, as 3,150,000 gross tons, against 1,450,000 gross tons on June 30, 1914. The progress made is the more important when it is considered that tonnage lying idle on November 1, 1926, included only 41 steamers, representing 21,492 gross tons, about 0.71 per cent. of the total gross tonnage, and 58 sailing vessels, representing 3,439 gross tons, 1.50 per cent. of the total sailing merchant tonnage included in the Italian mercantile marine.

Recent developments in the Italian shipping revival are that the Navigazione Generale Italiana has included in the schedule of their mail service from Genoa to Naples and South America the call at Messina, and that the Spedale Italiano dei Servizi Marittimi has chartered another steamer to meet the growing requirements of their fortnightly freight service from Genoa to the Near East. Concessed shipowners have also increased their activity in the coastwise trade and services have been inaugurated from Genoa to San Remo, and Nice, to Palermo, Trapani, Marsala, and Mazara, to Savona, Leghorn, Naples, Catania, Messina, and Palermo, and to Sfax and Sousse. This latter service is to meet the requirements of the growing oil and date imports from Tunisia.

Foreign shipowners trading in Italy are also showing marked activity. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has included Genoa in the schedule of their service from Liverpool to the Far East, while the United Steamship Company of Copenhagen has instituted a cargo service from Genoa to Naples, Catania, and Palermo.

Italian owners are also increasing their activity between foreign ports, especially in the fruit trade between South Africa and North America and Continental ports. The Navigazione Libera Triestina has also decided to organize a floating samples fair on their steamer "Sistana," which will visit all South African ports included in the schedule of their monthly regular passengers and freight service.

RECENT LAUNCHINGS.

From the Cantiere Navale San Rocco of the Stabilimento Tecnico Triestino the motorship "Asiria," built for the Lloyd Triestino for the Near Eastern services. The vessel has a cargo capacity of about 3,000 tons. It is understood that the company have decided to include in the "Asiria" and in her two sister-ships "Culden" and "Palestine" single-class de luxe passenger accommodation, but originally these vessels were destined to be only cargo boats. The propelling machinery of the "Asiria" will consist of a Burmeister and Wain type Diesel engines of 1,500 h.p., and the contract speed reaches 12 knots per hour at full load. The electricity for the operation of the deck and engine auxiliaries as well as for lighting and heating is to be supplied from two B. and W. type Diesel engines coupled with electric generators of 60 h.p. each.

The committee was informed that a temporary staff would have to be retained for some time, to compile a medal roll, as a permanent record of those who were entitled to medals. "That has always been done in regard to former wars," explained Mr. Nash, "and it is in accordance with precedent."

The committee reports that "it would seem unnecessary" to keep any additional staff for the purpose of completing a medal roll, as there are records of the recipients of medals at the Admiralty. The Treasury takes the same view.

For many years Aberdeen stood next to Grimsby as the most important white fishing centre in Great Britain, but it has now to yield that honour to Hull. During last year Aberdeen has made no move to share the great Icelandic and other far northern fisheries, while Hull is rapidly forging ahead, and has now a magnificent fleet of large vessels prosecuting with apparent success the fishing of those prolific banks.

From the yard of Riva Trigoso of the S.A. Cantiere Navale del Tirreno has been launched the steamer "Montello," built for the S.A. di Navigazioni Alta Italia. About 8,000 tons d.w. and a speed of about 12 knots, the steamer is to be fitted out for the general cargo trade of her owners.

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"KING GEORGE V."

FURTHER TRIALS CARRIED OUT.

After the completion of the official trials of the new high-pressure turbine steamer "King George V," the vessel was placed on service early in September last, and it was stated that further trials were to be made to ascertain the efficiency of the machinery. Exhaustive consumption trials have now been carried out, and the vessel made a demonstration run on the Clyde at full power with a number of distinguished guests on board, consisting of representatives of shipowners and marine engine builders.

On the previous demonstration trial in September last reference was made by Mr. Maurice Penny to the difficulties that had been experienced in the matter of the ventilation of the engine-room. Since the vessel completed her summer service, the question has been taken in hand. The modifications made have given exceedingly satisfactory results, and the coolness of the engine-room was very much commented upon by the guests on board during the trials.

It is understood that details of the trials will form the subject of a paper to be read before the lending technical institutions in the early part of January, 1927.

The results anticipated both as regards steam consumption and efficiency of the boilers had been realized. The machinery throughout the trial ran with extreme smoothness and without the slightest hitch of any kind, and the guests on board expressed themselves as being highly impressed with this installation and its performance.

Sir Charles Parsons was unfortunately unable to be present owing to a chill, and at the unanimous wish of the guests on board a telegram was sent to him congratulating him upon this new achievement, which represented another step in

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BIRTHS

MATTHEWS.—On January 31, 1927, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Matthews, Daren, a son.

DEATHS.

CAMPBELL.—On January 31, 1927, at Shanghai, Alister St. Clair Campbell (late Captain, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), son of the late Alexander and Mrs. Campbell and husband of Muriel Campbell.

SPENCER.—On February 1, 1927, at Shanghai, Frieda Carlos Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spencer, aged 18 months.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1927.

MOSCOW PLEAS.

M. Litvinoff, Acting Foreign Commissary for Soviet Russia, has all the astuteness and adroitness of the average Bolshevik leader. He has issued a lengthy statement combating the charges of Soviet influence hindering a peaceful settlement between Great Britain and China. He declares that the Soviet Government has never forgotten its obligations under the Russo-British trade agreement of 1921, one of the provisions of which are that the Soviet shall not engage in anti-British propaganda outside Russian borders. No one has for a moment suggested that the Soviet has "forgotten" that vital stipulation. It has not been permitted to forget it. It has merely ignored it as if it were non-existent. Not as a Government has it engaged in a systematic campaign against Great Britain in China. "Oh, dear no! That would be altogether too weak and clumsy." That would amount to

Since the foregoing was in type a Reuter's cablegram has come to hand bearing on the same subject. The Executive Committee of the Social Democrat Federation in London has expressed the opinion that "the declared policy of Russian agents in China, aimed at preventing a settlement by negotiation, is a great menace to the peace of the world which, if successfully persisted in, will inevitably prevent the consolidation of Chinese Nationalist opinion to combat the forces of world Imperialism and will lead directly to war." That a body such as the Social Democratic Federation should publicly condemn the

Soviet policy in China ought in itself to be a warning to the Nationalist leaders to free themselves of the Bolshevik taint before it is too late.

Parliament Again.

The ceremony that took place at Westminster this morning was not, in point of fact, the opening of Parliament as many people are led to believe, but rather the re-opening of the two Houses after the recess. The ceremony is an interesting one. The King, accompanied by his Consort, proceeds in State to the House of Lords, and Black Rod is sent to summon the members of the House of Commons to the bar of the House of Lords. His Majesty then reads his Speech from the Throne, a speech which, in reality, is drawn up by the members of the Cabinet, and which comprises a review of the international situation and a summary of the legislation intended to be introduced by the Government during the Session. Those parts of the King's Speech which relate exclusively to finance and taxation are addressed to members of the House of Commons only. If the Sovereign is unable to open Parliament in person, a Royal Commission opens Parliament in the King's place and the Lord Chancellor reads the King's Speech. Parliament, also, of course, is summoned by the Sovereign, and its summoning or otherwise was once an absolute Royal Prerogative; but it is now to a certain extent regulated by Acts of Parliament and the necessities of public business. By the unrepealed sections of the Triennial Act of 1894, it is provided that a Parliament shall be held once in three years at the least, so that after one Parliament has come to an end, it is legally incumbent upon the Sovereign to summon another within three years. But owing to the fact that taxes are voted annually, and that the Army Act, which authorizes the existence of a standing army has to be passed every year, it will be seen that it is now a practical impossibility for the government of the country to go on for more than a year without the assistance of Parliament.

And amid these modern Empires, the British Empire stands distinguished not merely by its earlier start and its superior extent, but also by its unique composition. It is not a mere grouping of territorial acquisitions achieved by the valour or good fortune of the race. It is not a cluster of subordinate units grouped in deferential pose round an Imperial centre, as the proposed legislation in connection with the changing of the King's title so plainly shows. It is neither a military Empire as that of Rome, nor a Federal Empire as was that of Germany.

In Empire the British have found not merely the key to glory and wealth, but the call to duty and means of service to mankind. Let us no more forsake Empire than we would adjure our own souls. Such being the manner in which our Empire has been won and is now being held, in what spirit should it be administered and guarded? The answer to that question will give us true Imperialism.

Imperialism as we Britons understand it and practise it is not militarism, and it was with no Spartan spirit, but rather with one great desire to defend our Empire; the many smaller nations that look to our Empire and our fleet for their freedom from aggression, and to carry out our honourable obligations under a solemn treaty that our brothers from all the far-flung outposts of Hong Kong, Kowloon, in the Outports and in Formosa that the welfare of the School has been carefully considered and that they have no need to fear that their boys, who have just begun a new year's work with new books, etc., will have their educational career unduly interrupted. The New Term is due to begin on Monday, February 21.

Yours, etc.,
P. S. CASSIDY,
Hon. Correspondent & Secretary,
W. T. FEATHERSTONE,
Headmaster,
Hong Kong, Feb. 7, 1927.

A MEANINGLESS SLOGAN
IN CHINA.

To the Editor of the "China Mail".
Sir,—Your editorial in this evening's issue of your esteemed journal should commend itself to the majority of sober-minded people. As you point out, such slogans as "British Imperialism," however meaningless, are apt to cause some mischief among those who do not pause to think.

After all, what is really at the bottom of all this talk about Imperialism, and what is Imperialism? Great Britain is by no means alone in her career of Empire. She started earlier upon the quest, but the example she set found faithful followers, and expansion seems to be the law of the modern vigorous and progressive State. Surely it is very futile to decry Empire or to protest that virtue is only to be found in small communities?

Some years ago we were told that Russian expansion could only be regarded as Caesarism and of being identified with the Imperialism of material rather than moral force. If such be the case, what is to be said of the Empire, making phase upon which America, the most democratic and hitherto the least Imperialist of modern countries, has entered? I

believe that even at this moment, if they were to poll the whole of the United States, it would be found that a large, and possibly an overwhelming majority would be opposed to any concrete policy of Imperial expansion. But circumstances have proved too strong for the Americans. The same impulse that carried them early in the last century to the Rockies and to the Pacific, now that the continent is filled up, is driving them further afield. Political parties may denounce, and the more thoughtful Americans may deplore the expansion, but it is to be doubted whether any President, either Democratic or Republican, would go to Congress with a message proposing to revoke it.

If then, even in a nation where

FLOWER SHOW.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S REPORT.

MORE MEMBERS WANTED.

Below is given the 21st report of the committee of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society, to be presented at this evening's annual meeting (i.e., for the year ended Dec. 31, 1926).—

"Committee Justified."

The annual show of flowers and vegetables was held at the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps headquarters on Thursday, March 11, 1926, and in spite of the very trying times residents passed through during the Strike of 1925, which in many cases necessitated the running of houses and gardens without any servants or gardeners for many months, the show was undoubtedly a success and fully justified the Committee's decision to have a "Flower Show" as usual.

Although the total number of entries was naturally considerably smaller than for the previous year, the number of exhibitors was only 3 less than for the Flower Show in 1925 and the general standard of the exhibits was well up to average.

"Amateur" Cups.

A new feature of the Show was a cup presented by Mr. J. A. Plummer called the "Amateur" Cup for the best exhibit of pot plants in any of the Open or Peak classes by members who had not exhibited before or had never won a prize at any Flower Show in Hong Kong. This was won by Mr. L. S. Greenhill with 3 pots of phlox drummondii from his garden.

The number of entries received for the Amateur Cup was disappointing but, in view of the disturbed conditions which existed prior to the Show, Mr. Plummer has kindly promised to present another Cup to be competed for under the same conditions as last year and it is possible that another member of the Committee may offer an "Amateur" Cup for Vegetables on similar lines to that presented by Mr. Plummer.

Features of Last Show.

From amongst the special exhibits the usual wonderful display of roses by Mr. Nicholson was missing and much sympathy will be felt with that exhibitor for the misfortunes that overtook his plants, necessitating the replacement of practically all his rose trees with new importations.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong again exhibited a splendid show of vegetables, grown from seed by Messrs. Sutton & Son, also a brilliant display of sweet peas, grown from seed supplied by Messrs. Yates & Co., in addition to which there was an excellent display of begonias exhibited by the Hong Kong Botanical Gardens, all of which were greatly admired.

Mr. Ho Fook's Feat.

Since their last report, the committee have to record with the deepest regret the deaths of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Ho Fook. Sir Paul Chater and Mr. Ho Fook were both life members of the Society and in addition to being large contributors to the funds, were amongst the most successful exhibitors at Flower Shows for many years past.

Mr. Ho Fook was present at the last Flower Show and secured the Challenge Cup for Plants in Pots open to all for the ninth year in succession, a striking testimony to his skill as a gardener and his zeal as a horticulturist.

Thanks to Helpers.

H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G. and Lady Clementi visited the Show in the afternoon and evinced much interest in the display.

The Band of the East Surrey Regiment played an excellent selection of music throughout the afternoon and Lady Clementi very kindly distributed the prizes at the close of the exhibition.

The committee desires to express its thanks to Lt.-Col. Bird and officers for the use of the Volunteer headquarters and parade ground for the Show, also to the Capt. Supt. of Police, the Superintendent of the Botanical Gardens, Mr. L. Gibbs and to all those ladies and gentlemen who rendered valuable assistance in various capacities as well as to the judges and censors and to all who kindly contributed towards the prize fund.

More Members Wanted.

The ordinary membership of the Society now stands at 162 as against 231 members for the year 1925 and 272 members for the year 1924 and the Committee appeal for more generous support from all those who are in any way interested in horticulture.

The subscription for an ordinary member is only \$5 per annum which entitles a member to two free tickets of admission to the annual Flower Shows and the Committee feel that that the past efforts and successes of the Society warrant a larger list of members than 162 from the foreign and Chinese communities of the Colony interested in horticulture.

The Accounts.

The following items are taken from the accounts:—

Balance of previous year \$1,901.98—balance this year \$1,502.04.

Subscriptions in 1926 \$1,115.00.

Last Flower Show—receipts \$305.60; prize fund donations \$955.00; expenses \$1,054.03; prize fund expenditure \$1,003.89.

TROOPS ARRIVE.

Durhams & Gloucesters From India.

1,200 HORSES COMING.

The first of the troops detachments ordered to China after the departure of the Suffolks, have arrived in Hong Kong, having embarked in India. They are the 2nd Battalion, the Durham Light Infantry (arriving yesterday afternoon on the s.s. "Taklwan"), and the 2nd Battalion, the Gloucestershire Regiment (arriving on the s.s. "Wasm"). There is a total military strength on the "Taklwan" of over a thousand.

The China Command with headquarters in Hong Kong is facing considerable difficulty in finding accommodation for the troops expected here, some of the emergency measures contemplated being detailed in our yesterday's issue. In addition to men, there are some 1,200 horses.

Still to Come.

The s.s. "Sindbad" bringing the 2nd Battalion, Punjabis, is expected here on Friday.

The s.s. "Megantic" with the Divisional Staff and Major-General John Duncan is expected at the end of the month. This ship is also bringing from Malta, the 1st Batt. Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regt., and the 1st Batt. Border Regt. The s.s. "Mine" with 1,000 Marines is due at the same time.

The s.s. "Kildare Castle" with the 1st Batt. Devonshire Regiment is due on March 2nd and the s.s. "Assaye" with the 1st Batt. Green Howards, and the s.s. "Hermione" are also due early in March.

1st Cruiser Squadron. Accompanied by H.M. ships "Durham," "Despatch," "Carnarvon" and "Ambrose," the 1st Cruiser Squadron, consisting of H.M. ships "Frobisher," "Duel," "Dauntless," and "Danae," arrived in Hong Kong harbour this morning, their weather beaten appearance of the trim and neat aspect of the China Command cruisers.

CHINESE ART.

RARE EXHIBITION IN CITY HALL.

MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION.

Lovers of genuine Chinese art will find a rare treat at the City Hall in the exhibition of rare old Chinese paintings and calligraphy which opened there this morning.

The walls of both the large halls are hung with some of the most priceless specimens to be found in the Colony, and one and all are indebted to the owners of the treasures for so generously affording the public an opportunity for inspecting these fine works of art.

Perhaps the most important exhibits are a collection lent by the ex-Civil Governor of Kwangtung, Mr. Li Yiu-hon.

This collection includes a magnificent 16th century Ming scroll by the famous artist, Shum Saktin, the value of which, the "China Mail" understands, is impossible to estimate.

A specimen of the work of Wong Sak-kok will attract many, there being so few genuine specimens in existence at the present time.

Mr. Li's collection also includes a set of eight framed fans, each in itself a piece of the most delicate colouring.

Mr. K. H. Li, of the Hong Kong Education Department, is the proud owner of a magnificent Ching Dynasty landscape of the Poon Kiu Mountains. The details in the pagodas in the foreground of this picture are very fine indeed.

Painted By Finger-nails. A number of scrolls painted by the artist's finger-nails call for special comment, especially a set of bamboo studies.

One, by Ko Kei-piu, of bamboos and rocks, and another, by Tsui Wai, of bamboo and orchids are rare specimens of this fascinating type of Chinese pictures.

Dr. Wan Man-ka also exhibits a very fine selection.

RAILWAY STATION COMEDY.

Paris, Jan. 13. An amusing illustration of the adage that everybody's business has been provided at Baignolle railway station, where for three months a plumber was to be seen toiling all day long without interference, until yesterday a porter noticed that the plumber's bag was unduly heavy. His suspicions were aroused, and the bag was examined and found to contain 50lb. of lead. It then came out that the plumber, who had no authorisation to do so, had stripped the whole of the lead from the roof, and had already sold a ton and a half for £35. The roof will have to be reloaded at a cost of £300.

BANK NOTE CASE.

Judges' Difference of Opinion.

PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL?

Two conflicting judgments were given yesterday by the Chief Justice, Sir H. C. Gollan, and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, on the appeal of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation against the decision of the Court below (by Mr. Justice Wood) that the Bank was liable to pay out on a note that had been "washed and ironed" in the garment of the plaintiff and which was all in pieces, with numbers and date missing, when presented at the Bank.

The Chief Justice said that, applying the provisions of Ordinance, 1912, to the case in point, where there was a difference between the two judges, the appeal of the Bank stood to be dismissed.

Mr. Eldon Potter, for the Bank, asked His Lordship to make a stay for a fortnight, pending the Bank's decision whether they would appeal to the Privy Council. In giving his view when the Court opened, the Chief Justice indicated that he was of opinion that "judgment on the appeal should be against" the plaintiff (the owner of the mutilated note).

Dealing with the question as to whether the note had been "materially altered" by the absence from it of the numbers and date, His Lordship emphasised differences between this particular case and that of Suffell v. Bank of England, on which cases of this nature usually turned.

"Material Alteration."

On the facts of the present case, however, His Lordship held that on the authority of the Suffell case there had been an alteration in the business effect of the note in question and that this constituted a material alteration.

On the other hand, His Lordship agreed with Mr. Justice Wood that the note sued on had not been altered to become a different note and was "not masquerading as part of the currency of the Colony in a new guise."

With regard to the Bank's contention that if they could not identify a note they could not obtain the sum deposited with the Government in connection with the issue of the note, His Lordship held that in view of the fact that it was admitted for the purposes of the case that the original note was genuine it should not be impossible to obtain this sum from the Government. The same applied to the yearly tax for notes in issue.

With regard to the question of indemnity, His Lordship said that he could not see how it could be said that the Bank might again be made liable for such scraps and bits as were missing from the note as presented.

Mr. Justice Wood Differs.

Mr. Justice Wood, in giving his judgment, dealt with the interpretation of the word "alteration."

My judgment was right, said Mr. Justice Wood, if into the meaning of the word "alteration" is imported the substitution of one legal effect for another legal effect, or also on the extended application of the principle as exemplified in "Suffell v. The Bank of England" (1882, 9 Q.B.D. page 555) one business effect for another business effect. In either case a new effect for an old effect. In other words, it is right if the word "alteration" connotes something more than what is merely mechanical, and is concerned with the operative consequences of a mechanical process. Otherwise the judgment cannot be supported.

The idea of substitution in a material alteration, which I have noticed and on which I rely, is to be derived not from the word "material" but from the word "alteration." It is in connection with the latter word that an ambiguity in section 64 of Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885, arises.

His Lordship then quoted various Acts and Laws bearing on the subject of "material alteration," and also referred to various actions and judgments given in them, with regard to the material alteration of the business effect of an instrument.

No Alteration.

Concluding, His Lordship said: If it is the right view of the law that a change of effect is a requisite in an alteration, I still think that no alteration has occurred to the bank note in this case, and it is here that I distinguish the present case, from the case of "Suffell v. The Bank of England."

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MANHATTAN.

TO-DAY'S FEATURE AT THE "STAR."

BIG FIGHT FEATURE.

"Manhattan," an adaptation by Paul Sloane and Frank Tuttle of Jeffrey Farnol's novel "The Definite Object" opens to-night at the Star Theatre.

This is a live romance with plenty of adventure in it—including a realistic big fight specially staged for this film.

Gregory Kelly, the star of the film, started his stage career when as a child he appeared with Joseph Jefferson in "Eep Van Winkle."

"Manhattan," Richard Dix's first starring picture for Paramount, directed by R. H. Burns, marks the beginning of Mr. Kelly's screen career.

In between these two starting points, Mr. Kelly has crowded an enviable record of successes on the stage, chiefly in comedy roles.

For three years he played with Mrs. Fluke, appearing in such pieces as "Pillars of Society," "The Green Cockatoo," and "Becky Sharp."

Among the more recent plays were "Kismet," with Otto Skinner

"Duley," the Marc Connolly-George

S. Kaufman satire, and the three famous Tarkington plays, "Seven-

"Tweeds" and "Clarence."

For another three years he played in "Seventeen," one year in New York and two years out of town and also had a leading part in "Little Jessie James."

His role in "Manhattan" is that of "Spikes," a young lawbreaker of New York's "Hell's Kitchen."

On Thursday, there will be a change of programme at the Star.

"Wife of the Centaur," featuring John Gilbert, the star of "The Big Parade," will be shown.

BAD NOTES.

POSSIBLE CASE FOR THE SESSIONS.

Charged with possessing of ten counterfeit \$1 notes and uttering another in Chinese named Wong Wah, pleaded "guilty" when arraigned before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning. Accused, however, denied "guilty knowledge," informing his Worship that he changed the money yesterday morning in Canton before departing for the Colony to make some business purchases.

Div. Insp. Peter Grant asked for a remand in custody for two days, as the Police were considering an application for commitment to the Sessions.

THE "HANOI" PIRACY.

CHARGE AGAINST CHINESE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The case in which a Chinese stands charged with being implicated in the piracy of the "Hanoi" was again adjourned when called before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

A \$750 ARMS FINE.

When a Chinese was charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon with possessing seven revolvers and five hundred rounds of ammunition, it was stated that the Police were satisfied that the arms, which had been found on the "President Taft," were being taken up country for self-protection.

Mr. J. T. Prior, defending, asked for the imposition of a fine.

His Worship, after hearing evidence of arrest, entered a conviction and imposed a fine \$750.

year 1840, "Bills of Exchange" is not an exception to the rule in "Pigot's case." It illustrates the fact that, so long as a document does not purport to be anything but what it was in its original state, it remains in law unaltered and valid.

The Lord's decision in "Davidson v. Cooper" (supra) by which the holder of an instrument is declared responsible for preserving it in its original state appears less harsh when his duty is seen to be to preserve it from alteration and not from every kind of damage.

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PEAK LADY ROBBED.

WAYLAID BY A CHINESE BAG-SNATCHER.

Mrs. Y. Cardelbel, a resident of the Park Hotel, has reported to the Police that whilst walking along Lugard Road at 4 p.m. yesterday, she was waylaid by a Chinese who attempted to snatch her hand-bag.

The lady resisted and fell to the ground, the man making off with the bag, which contained money and jewellery worth \$17.50 and a French passport.

PRAYER BOOK.

PROTESTANT BISHOPS IN CONFERENCE.

PROCESSION OF PROTEST.

London, Jan. 12.

A procession of 160 clerks and laity, organised jointly by the Protestant Alliance and the League of Loyal Churchmen, marched to Lambeth Palace simultaneously with the opening of the momentous ten-day private "conference" of Bishops of the Church of England under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury on the un-revealed proposals for the revision of the Prayer Book. It was headed by a banner stating:

"Warning to Bishops.—The Church is in danger. God says, Remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers set up. Respect the Prayer Book which was given us by our martyred reformers."

On arrival they knocked on the ancient gates, entered and were received by the Archbishop's chaplain, to whom they handed a petition condemning Romish practices and also the fact that the conference is being held in private, adding: "Sectery is abhorrent to the English nature." The petition referred to the proposals as a base betrayal on the part of those who should be the guardians of the Divine truth. "We are asked to accept your Lordships' proposals. This we will never do."

The gravest contention is over the altered communion rights. The Bishops are endeavouring to find a compromise between Anglo-Catholic and Evangelical opinion. Whether the Bishops agree, the precise changes will be presented to the convocations, after which the final draft will be considered by the Church Assembly in July. Ultimately the House of Commons must approve.

TWINN THREE TIMES.

London, Jan. 5.

Frau Moss, the wife of a grave-digger at Cologne, has given birth to twins for the third time. This brings the total of the Moss children to 24, the family being the largest in Germany.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Paris, Jan. 13.

The police are investigating the mysterious discovery of the body of a Londoner, Frank Parker, who was found with wounds in the head, in a trench dug in connection with building operations in the Boulevard Haussmann.

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WEDDING.

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A pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral on Feb. 3, the parties being Mr. Frank Burrington, School master, Public School for Chinese, Shanghai Municipal Council, and Miss Kathleen Agnes Bent, (daughter of Mr. James Bent of Swindon), who arrived in Hong Kong by the s.s. "Patroclus."

The bride, who was given away by Mr. F. W. Shaftain, was attended by Miss J. Wynne as bridesmaid.

Mr. W. R. Andrews was best man.

A reception at the Hong Kong Hotel followed the ceremony and Mr. and Mrs. Burrington, who spent their honeymoon at Repulse Bay, left for Shanghai yesterday on the s.s. "Haruna Maru."

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Soviet Russia has recently placed in foreign yards a number of orders for submarines, including several of large dimensions.

Usually mild weather for this time of the year prevails throughout Italy except in the extreme north, where the first snow has fallen.

Mrs. John Thorburn, who has died at Ottawa in her 92nd year, kept the same cook for 60 and the same maid for 48 years, and both survive her.

Manila telephone girls now help the public by informing them of the arrival of ships in port.

Signs erected in Parliament Square, London, instructing pedestrians to cross at right angles in order to prevent jay walking, remain unheeded, especially during the rush hours.

A selection of Tonkin embroideries will be sold at public auction by Messrs. Lammert Bros. at the mezzanine floor of No. 47 godown (Kowloon Godowns) on Saturday, beginning at 11 a.m.

Charles King, a seaman, was fined \$5 by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning for being drunk and incapable and for assaulting Sgt. Naughton, when taken to the charge room.

By kind permission of the Commanding Officer, the dance band of H.M.S. "Caradoc" will play under the direction of the band President, Mr. D. R. Reiss-Smith, at Repulse Bay Hotel this Saturday at 8.30 p.m.

The British Legation at Kabul has been completely burned down. The foreign diplomatic corps and the Afghan Government rendered all possible assistance and there were no casualties. The Legation staff are removing to the new Legation building which is under construction.

Sydney City Railway has opened the first underground section, from the Central Railway Station, the terminus of the suburban and country train service, to Saint James' Station in King Street, near the centre of the city. The service ran smoothly and many thousands made the journey out of curiosity. One suburban line is already electrified and others are being prepared for this.

To-morrow at 4.30 p.m. at Government House, H.E. the Governor, Chief Scout of Hong Kong, will inspect the Scout Troop and present the Prince of Wales Banner won in 1926 by the 20th Hong Kong Scout Troop for general efficiency in Scoutcraft and the year's work.

The holders of the Banner, during their year of tenure, are entitled to be called "The Governor's Troop."

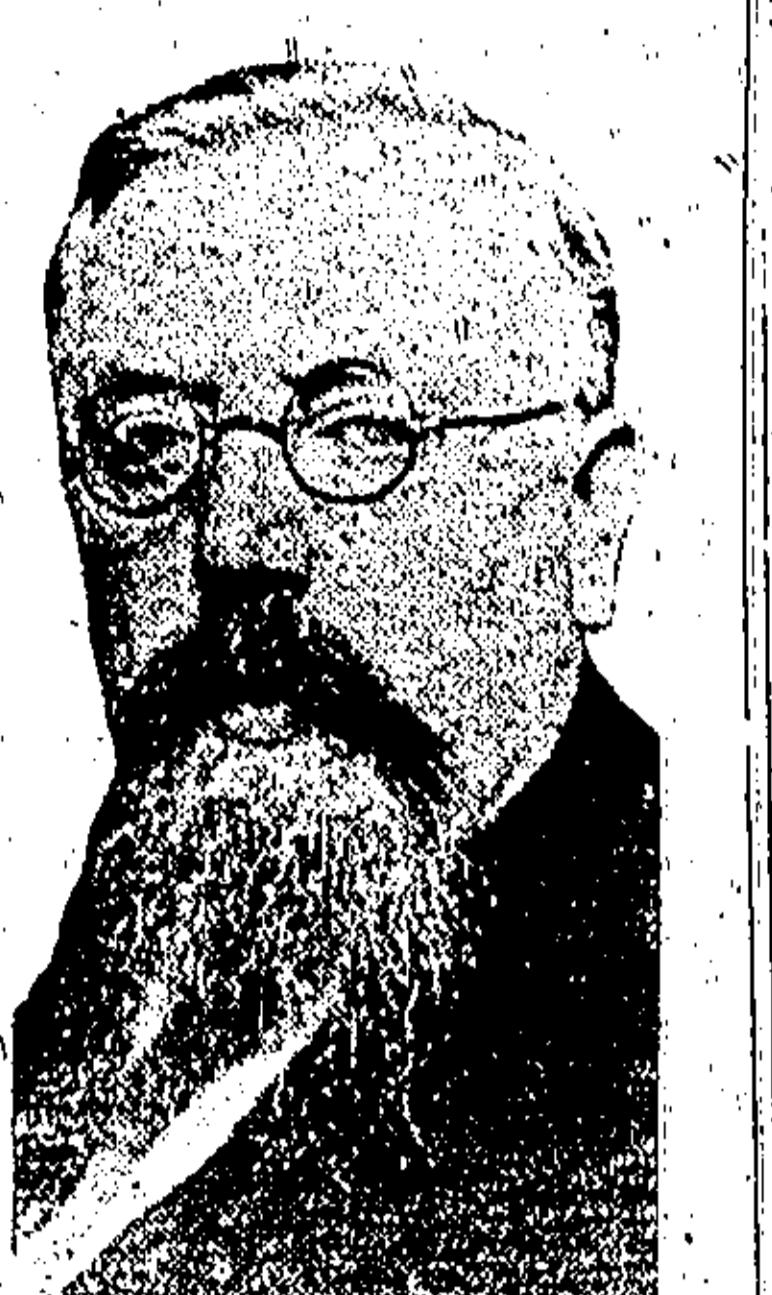
Mr. Hubert Stern, the Singapore Frenchman who was charged at Rangoon with the attempted murder of Miss Aileen Wells, another Singaporean, has been found insane and committed to the Mental Institute.



The heaviest day's traffic in the history of the underground Company was on Dec. 18, when 5,847,732 passengers were carried.

The extent to which Englishmen are wearing German hats is disclosed by figures showing that 1,708,000 were exported to England last year.

A sailor on board a Japanese gunboat at Hankow a few days ago while doing some painting work on the vessel fell into the water and was drowned.



Herr Eisser, elected Vice-President of the German Reichstag, succeeding Dr. Bell, Minister of Justice of the Reich.

Minted at Dover during the reigns of Ethelred the Second, Canute, and Edward the Confessor, between 979 and 1,056 when Dover had a Royal mint, six silver pennies have been acquired by Dover Corporation for the local museum.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. G. S. Archburt of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Archburt, returned to the Colony yesterday on the "President McKinley."

Mr. N. A. Thomas, a representative of the Texas Oil Co., Mr. R. G. Lamm (a Kobe business man) and Mr. Victor Haimovitch arrived in Hong Kong yesterday on the "President McKinley" from the North.

Round-the-world tourists in Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Dunn of Los Angeles, with their three daughters, arrived for a stay in Hong Kong on the "President McKinley" which also brought Mr. and Mrs. C. G. and Miss N. Spence.

According to a Home paper, Mr. W. J. Mayson, Secretary, Singapore Club, accompanied by Mrs. Mayson, has been touring the British Isles from one end to the other. He is returning to Singapore shortly.

Through passengers for Japan and Shanghai on the "Haruna Maru" which sailed from Hong Kong yesterday included the Marquis and Marchioness T. Komatsu with their family and party, Lt. A. K. Ferguson and Baroness E. de Sigala.

Mr. R. Grimeshaw, the well known Shanghai sportsman, passed through Hong Kong on the "Haruna Maru" on his way back from Home, sailing from this Colony together with the Shanghai Interport football team (including Mr. A. H. Leslie, the manager) yesterday.

Sir Andrew Duncan has accepted the chairmanship of the Central Electricity Board under the new Electricity Supply Act. The appointment may involve considerable difficulty in reconciling the interests of (municipal) undertakings. The salary is not disclosed, but is stated to be below \$10,000 per annum, which salary has been frequently mentioned in connection with the post.

Manila residents returning home on the "President McKinley" (which arrived in Hong Kong last night) include Madame Poizat-de Coster and her three sons, Mr. J. J. Danon, Mr. C. A. Greenidge (of the Manila Electric Co.) and his family, and Mr. N. M. E. Schurmann of the Shell Oil Co. Other through passengers include Mr. C. B. Garret (Lelanbank Lumber Co.) and family, Miss A. Mason, Miss Merritt and Miss B. Scherlich (missionaries), Mr. and Miss H. E. Page (travelling round the world), Mrs. Mary T. Russell (a teacher) and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDuffie (Shell Oil Co.) who will be going on to Singapore.

Mrs. J. J. Paterson arrived in Hong Kong last night by the "President McKinley" from Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O'Dell returned to the Colony last night by the "President McKinley" from the North.

Dr. F. Bunje and Dr. E. L. de Souza arrived in Hong Kong on the N.Y.K. "Haruna Maru" from London via Singapore.

Mr. James W. S. Marr, who as a Boy Scout patrol leader went with the late Sir Ernest Shackleton in his last expedition to the Antarctic, is to be zoologist to the Discovery expedition to investigate deep-sea life in the Antarctic.

Home newspapers feature the romantic career of Mr. E. M. Mathias, of Adelaide, who is visiting England for the first time for 48 years. Mr. Mathias landed in Australia with twopence. He is now managing director of a firm employing 500 people.

Although he has been in office only a couple of months, Mr. J. L. Humphreys, the new Governor of British North Borneo, is already, says the "Daily Mail," winning good opinions. As a former member of the Civil Service of the Federated Malay States, he went to Jesselton with the great advantage of knowing the language and the little ways of his quarter of a million rather spirited subjects.

According to papers from Melbourne, serious alarm has been caused by the condition of Mrs. Harrington Lees, wife of the Archbishop of Melbourne. Mrs. Lees has been in ill health for some time, but a serious development concerned her medical advisers to such an extent that it was found necessary to recall the Archbishop from Tasmania, where he was spending a short holiday. Special prayers for her recovery were offered at all services at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Taylor, the Rev. and Mrs. W. L. King, the Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Smith were among the passengers on the N.Y.K. a.s. "Haruna Maru" (left yesterday) included Mr. A. M. d'Ecq, Miss V. da Luz, Mrs. C. Gutierrez and Miss M. Knudsen.

A late bus will be up to the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 a.m. on Saturday night after the special dinner dance at the Repulse Bay Hotel. Dinner is at \$4 per head, fancy or evening dress optional. Tables may now be booked as usual.

Lanapandie charities will benefit by about \$40,000 under the will of the late Miss Alice Ann Pilkington, of Lanapandie House, Ardingly, who is understood to have left the allocation of the money at the sole discretion of her solicitor.

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SPORTS SECTION

M.C.C. IN CEYLON.

FIRST MATCH ENDS IN A DRAW.

TOURISTS' GOOD SCORE.

Calcutta, Jan. 30. The M.C.C.'s first match at Colombo was against the Europeans, and the result was a draw. Battling first, the home eleven were out for 154, of which Neale made 96. Astill took five wickets for 62 and Tate three for 32. The tourists made 419, of which Sandham compiled 51, Wyatt 76, Parsons 67 and Astill 66. The Europeans had made 194 for four wickets when stumps were drawn. Blair made 95 not out.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

London, Jan. 22. The following are the results of Rugby matches played to-day:— Bath 9, Devonport Services 0; Blackheath 3, United Services (Farnborough) 0; Bristol 9, Royal Air Force 3; Leicester 23, Parry Park 4; Mountain Ash 9, Cross Keys 13; Penarth 0, Pontypool 11; Swansea 11, Llanelli 17; Neath 6, Cardiff 5.

THE SCOTTISH "CAPS."

London, Jan. 22. The Scottish rugby team to meet Wales on February 5 will be as follows:— D. Drysdale (Hibernians); Ian Smith (Edinburgh University); G. Macpherson (Edinburgh Acad.); J. Dykes (Glasgow Acad.); W. Simmers (Glasgow Acad.); W. Waddell (Glasgow Acad.); J. Nelson (Glasgow Acad.); J. Bannerman (Glasgow High School); J. Ireland (Glasgow High School); D. Davies (Hawick); J. Graham (Kelso); J. Paterson (Birkenside Park); J. Scott (Stewarts); A. Gillies (Watsonians); and D. Kerr (Hibernians). The team is identical to the one which beat France, with the exception that D. Kerr (Hibernians) returns to the pack in place of Allan. [Scotland won by 5 points to nil, as cabled by Reuter.]

LADIES' TENNIS.

BRITISH TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Cape Town, Jan. 22. The British ladies' touring lawn tennis team beat the Western Province by 5 matches to nil. Miss Joan Fry beat Mrs. Pitt, 6-2, 6-3. Mrs. McQuham beat Miss de Smidt, 6-3, 6-4.

Miss Joan Fry, and Miss M. Watson beat Mrs. Greenhalgh and Mrs. Gregg, 6-3, 6-1.

Miss Harvey and Mrs. McQuham beat Mrs. Pitt and Miss Douglas, 6-0, 6-3.

Miss M. E. Dix and Miss P. Saunders beat Miss Fraser and Miss De Smidt, 8-6, 6-4.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

AMSTERDAM'S IMROISING STADIUM.

Amsterdam, Jan. 13. Covering 30 acres, served by special tramlines and equipped with an eight-acre car park accommodating 4,000 automobiles, the new Olympic Stadium at Amsterdam will be the most complete in the world. The main stadium will be built of concrete and brick, and will accommodate 40,000 people, one half of whom will be seated. The dimensions are 235 yards by 185 yards, and the place will contain a football ground and running track, with 600 seats reserved for journalists, also telegraph rooms, 45 telephone cubicles, and Royal official boxes in the centre of the ground. In addition there will be a swimming stadium facing the pavilion, a cricket ground, 13 tennis courts, an art gallery and gardens. The buildings will be surrounded by a Marathon tower 150 feet in height, from which will issue a permanent smoke column during the progress of the games.

FANLING GOLF.

The bogey pool of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling, last week-end resulted:—

I. W. Shewan and T. S. Whyte Smith tie with scores of 2 up each. Next best scores were those of F. A. Redmond 1 up, R. E. Green Smith 1 down, J. S. McLaren 1 down, W. Ironside 1 down, N. L. Smith 2 down, W. L. Alexander 2 down.

There were 74 entries.

HOME SOCCER.

F. A. CUP, 4TH ROUND REPLAY.

ALL READY FOR NEXT.

London, Feb. 7. Replaying for the second time in the 4th round proper of the Football Association Cup (having twice drawn), Hull beat Everton to-day by 3 goals to 2 at Birmingham. Reuter.

The 4th round is now completed. The draw for the 5th round on Feb. 19 stands at:—

Wolverhampton v. Hull; Chelsea v. Burnley; Arsenal v. Liverpool; Bolton v. Cardiff; Southampton v. Newcastle; Millwall v. Middlesbrough; Reading v. Brentford; South Shields v. Swansea. [Note: Bolton are holders.]

IN THE LEAGUE.

London, Feb. 7. In division 1 of the English Football League to-day, Sheffield United lost to Liverpool by 1 goal to 4 (at Sheffield).—Reuter.

CHAMPION BOXER.



A recent snapshot of Mickey Walker, the welterweight boxing champion of the world.

THRILLING FINISH.

M.C.C. TESTS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

THE UNOFFICIAL RUBBER.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 23. The M.C.C. tourists in Argentina won the unofficial Test rubber after a thrilling finish.

The M.C.C. declared their first innings closed at 384 for 9 wickets. Staniforth scored 91, Miles 48, and Jackson 73.

A remarkable collapse ensued when Argentina, who had scored 271 in their first innings, went in.

Allen took two wickets in the first over. Four wickets were down for 40 runs.

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STILL IN PRACTICE.



A very recent picture of William T. Tilden, strenuously practising to regain his lost lawn tennis laurels.

FOOTBALL MYSTERY.

AN INTERNATIONAL'S STRANGE VISITORS.

FIVE MEN IN A BAR.

What is alleged to be a serious attempt to intimidate a well-known professional footballer engaged the attention of the Brighton and Hove Albion directorate as the outcome of a remarkable experience which befell Cook, the club's international centre-forward and Sussex county cricketer.

During last week several attempts were made by men whose identity is unknown to interview Cook, and once they found him at his home at Haywards Heath.

Five men drove up in a motor car, and two went to the house and tried to persuade Cook to come to the car on the pretext that a well-known footballer, who was in the car, wished to be introduced to him.

Seeing that none of the men in the car bore any resemblance to the player named, Cook refused to go.

Intimidation or Bribery.

The men's language then became violent, and their manner threatening, and Cook came to the conclusion that the real object of their visit was either to intimidate or to bribe him in connection with his play for the Albion.

The management of the club reported the occurrence to the Football Association and to the East Sussex police.

Mr. C. F. Brown, the chairman of the Brighton and Hove Football Club directorate, said that one of Cook's visitors promised him they "would do him a bit of good." Cook interpreted this as meaning that they wished to influence his play, and refused to have anything to do with them. The men went away after staring, in a menacing way, that would not be their last visit.

WHERE DIVORCE IS EASY.

There is no place in the Empire where divorces can be so easily obtained as in South Africa. This, says the "African World," is the unanimous view of the Christian churches of the country, and they have joined forces in a campaign to combat this "moral menace" to the civic life of the community. "Young people of to-day," declared the Dean of Johannesburg, "rush into marriage with very little sense of its being a life-long contract, because at the back of their minds there is always the thought that if the marriage does not turn out well the divorce court is open, and divorce is so handy and so easily obtained in the Transvaal that people simply do not try what is admittedly the difficult task of merging two streams into one current." The frequency with which marriages are being dissolved, he asserts, is having a marked and injurious effect on christianised and tribalised natives, who look to Europeans for leadership.

AMATEURS & "PROS."

London, Jan. 17. The Australian Tennis Council have decided that there will be no objection to exhibition matches between amateurs and professionals pending the introduction of new rules, but that the net proceeds must be used only for tennis purposes and the expenses of the amateurs must be controlled strictly, by the State Association.

Sir Francis Lacey, the former secretary of the M.C.C., married in London to Mrs. Mary Marshall Campbell (Walker), widow of Mr. Campbell Walker, of Rickmansworth.

The Scottish Football Association and the clubs under their jurisdiction are taking stern steps to put a stop to the bad language being used among followers of the game up North. All the culprits are being charged in local courts and fined.

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MAYOR INCENSED.

STRANGE SEQUEL TO A ROYAL VISIT.

London, Jan. 12. The Mayor and Corporation of King's Lynn (Norfolk) are incensed because, in their absence, during a visit by Queen Mary and Prince George, a local resident, Colonel Stephen Coxon, acted as guide over the Town Hall and police station.

The council met and deplored Col. Coxon's usurpation of the Mayoral prerogatives. They prohibited his attendance at the Town Hall and access to the magistrates' room unless by special Mayoral permission.

Colonel Coxon, when interviewed, disclaimed having done anything wrong. He said it was a case of jealousy on the Mayor's part, despite the fact that he had informed the Mayor beforehand that the Royal visit was a private one.

Mrs. Coxon, who is a member of the council, is protesting that the resolution was out of order because it was passed in committee, while the Town Clerk asserts that the full council passed the resolution, though the public and Press were excluded.

FOOLISH YOUTH.

UNDER A BED WITH A REVOLVER.

At Southend, Robert Perrott, an 18-year-old youth, of London Road, Westcliff, was bound over on a charge of being found on enclosed premises for an unlawful purpose.

It was stated that he was taken from under a bed in a house in Victoria Avenue, Southend, early in the morning.

Thomas Taylor, who resides at the house, said Perrott had walked out with his daughter Ivy, but he had told him six months ago not to go near the house again.

Another daughter was reading by the fire in the dining-room at midnight, when the defendant appeared at the door with a revolver in his hand. He was chased, but got away. The police were called, and Perrott was found under the bed of witness's daughter Ivy with a revolver in his pocket.

Ivy Taylor stated she was awakened by policemen in her room. Perrott was standing beside them.

It was urged on defendant's behalf that he went to the house to see Miss Ivy Taylor, with whom for some time he had been in contact.

Defendant was fined £1 for being in possession of a revolver without a certificate.

ECCENTRIC'S SAVINGS.

Mary Ann Taylor, aged 82, an eccentric character known in Bristol as "Paper Sally," from her habit of wandering about the streets collecting waste paper, sticks, and rags, was found dead in a corner of her room, where a fire broke out on Christmas morning. At the instant it was stated, that cash to the amount of about £200 was found in the room, wrapped in paper. Her death was attributed to heart failure secondary to asphyxia, and a verdict of accidental death was returned.

TREASURE TROVE INQUEST.

London, Jan. 5. A treasure trove inquest, an ancient and rare form of inquiry, by a Coroner, was held at Rotherhithe to decide the ownership of 40 half-sovereigns, six sovereigns, and some gold trinkets, found during excavations on the Southern railway property at Bermondsey.

The jury returned a verdict that the "find" was genuine treasure trove. The Coroner ordered the treasure to go to the Treasury for distribution, explaining that the State was always liberal to finders.

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RADIO TOPICS

THE FAMOUS "S."

MARCONI TELLS OF A GREAT THRILL

London.—"On the 12th of December, 1901, I sat in a room of a disused barracks on Signal Hill, St. John's, Newfoundland. On a table stood some instruments connected by a thin wire with a kite that was upheld at a height of about 400 feet by an Atlantic gale. To the same instruments there was connected a 'telephone' in which, shortly afterward, I heard sound constituting evidence that in far-distant Cornwall the rhythmic signals that correspond to the letter 'S' in the Morse code, had been projected into the ether of space and had actually crossed the Atlantic."

In these words Senator Marconi described the experiments of 25 years ago when as a young inventor he carried out an ambitious experiment as any inventor could have attempted and succeeded. The result of this experiment was to prove that the curvature of the earth did not constitute an obstacle to the transmission and reception of wireless messages, and gave such an impetus to the development of communication by wireless telegraphy that within comparatively a few years after the single letter "S" was heard by wireless 1,800 miles across the Atlantic, every important country in the world possessed a wireless telegraph organisation, and wireless messages were sent as a daily occurrence from one side of the world to the other.

"In view of the importance of all that was at stake, I had decided not to trust entirely to the usual arrangement of having the coherer signals recorded automatically through a relay and a Morse instrument on a paper tape, but to use instead a telephone connected to a self-restoring coherer, the human ear being far more sensitive than the recorder. Suddenly, about half-past twelve, unmistakably, three faint little clicks on the telephone, corresponding to three dots of the Morse code, sounded several times in my ear as I listened intently; but I would not be satisfied without corroboration.

"With regard to the use of infra-red rays," he continued, "this was employed extensively and successfully during the latter part of the war when it was developed for secret signalling. It could be used in the light of day or at night time with equal success; sensitive instruments being capable of eliminating all light rays, except the particular ray in use."

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TELEVISION MARVEL

SHOWING MOVING PICTURES BY WIRELESS.

The international race towards the perfection of television continues. An announcement has appeared regarding method of illuminating the object to be transmitted, suggested by Mr. J. L. Baird, while MM. Edouard Bellin, de Broglie, and Duavillier, and M. Valensi, working in Paris, are showing considerable activity in the same field of research.

It is well known that light-sensitive cells may be designed to work more effectively with certain colours and will, if required, work in conjunction with lights that are not visible to the human eye.

In order to obviate the discomfort caused by bright lights, Mr. Baird has devised an attachment fitted to his light-sensitive cell enabling it to be worked in conjunction with infra-red rays which are quite invisible and, beyond a slight radiation of warmth, cause no discomfort.

Mr. T. Thorne Baker, whose writings on this and kindred subjects are well known, told a press representative in mail week that he was continually getting messages from an unknown source as clearly as though the receiving set were in hand.

The Speed Factor.

"Television" he said, "is merely a method of securing the very rapid transmission of consecutive images, and the galvanometer used must be capable, therefore, of very much greater rapidity of working than is necessary in the case of mere photo-telegraphy. In the Bellini-Holweck apparatus a signal period of a ten-millionth of a second could quite easily be dealt with, using a cathode ray oscillograph; there is, in fact, no reasonable limit to the working frequency.

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SOLAR "MESSAGES."

In addressing a gathering of 1,500 scientists from all parts of the world at Philadelphia Dr. Michael Pupin, the famous expert in means of communication, made the startling announcement that "atmospheres" and the fading nuisances so well known to wireless enthusiasts were "messages" from the sun and the planets which man, within twenty-five years, would probably be able to decipher.

Dr. Pupin made it quite clear that he used the word "message" in a symbolic sense, and meant merely the electrical attraction between the earth and the planets as demonstrated by the periodical swing of great earth currents, the tidal flux of electricity through submarine cables, and objectionable noises in wireless instruments.

These phenomena would in time be interpreted, and man would learn the real meaning of these "messages" coming through space. When questioned about the possibility of inter-planetary communication, Dr. Pupin shook his head dubiously, and said that he doubted that man would ever reach a point of scientific knowledge and power at which he could make the whole globe an aerial for transmitting messages into space. When he could do that there might be a different story.

Inland trunk telephone calls during August, the latest month for which figures are available, numbered 7,495,986, an increase of 701,670, or 10.3 per cent, over the figure for the corresponding month last year. Calls made during the month to the Continent numbered 21,024, and those from the Continent 23,564, representing increases of 4,606 and 8,004 respectively over last year's figures.

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IT WUZA A TOUGH BATTLE, BUT WE WON!

RADIO MALADY.

"SECRET MESSAGES" TO VICTIMS.

Radio rables—the latest mystery disease, believed to have its origin in the wireless craze—is spreading. Sufferers imagine that they are human wireless receiving sets, and are being attacked by ruthless enemies who send them threatening messages and inflict upon them various kinds of torture, including burning with red-hot wires.

Several new cases have recently come to light showing an alarming increase of the malady. Doctors who have investigated the matter consider themselves baffled.

Dental Plate Messages!

A number of instances have come to the knowledge of Professor A. M. Low, the well-known wireless expert, who within the past few weeks has received letters from people in various parts of the country who believe they are the victims of some strange radio rays.

"One man," he told the "Sunday Chronicle," "wrote asking me if a dental plate could act as a wireless receiver. He declared that he was continually getting messages from an unknown source as clearly as though the receiving set were in hand."

"Some of the messages were threatening and caused him great alarm."

"The day may come," added Professor Low, "when we shall have to wear some protective device to shield us from the thoughts and messages of others, but it won't be yet awhile."

INDIAN RADIO COMPANY.

A radio-broadcasting company for India has been definitely organised under the name of the Indian Broadcasting Company, Ltd., with an authorised capital of \$540,000.

The new company intends to establish two broadcasting stations, one in Bengal and the other in the Bombay Presidency. Each station will be of 12 kilowatts capacity and will cost approximately \$72,000, while the annual operating expenses are estimated at about the same figure. Under ordinary conditions it is expected that the stations will have a radius of 250 miles and under favourable conditions 500 miles. The company will receive 80 per cent. of the value of radiobroadcasting receiving licences issued and 10 per cent. of the import value of all wireless receiving apparatus and accessories brought into the country.

GOODS TRAIN RADIO.

As a result of experiments conducted on the New York railroads, goods trains in the near future will be equipped with wireless to enable guards to talk to the engine-drivers.

The scheme is designed to do away with the necessity of the guard chattering along the wagons if he desire to communicate with the driver, and would be of especial use in heavy snow or rain storms.

In the experiments, an aerial consisting of 34 feet of 1½-in. brass pipe was placed on the engine. Rubber-covered wire was used as the aerial on the guard's van, while duplicate radio sets, generators, and batteries with loud-speakers, microphone, and hand receivers, were placed on the engine and in the guard's van. Excellent results were obtained in the tests except when the trains passed over or under steel bridges.

NEW JAPANESE SERVICE.

The wireless station in Osaka, Japan, is now regularly receiving direct wireless messages from the Sainte-Anne wireless station near Paris, according to advices from the American Ambassador to Tokyo, made public by the Department of Commerce. This service was commenced recently and is a considerable advance in speed and scope over the wireless communication between Japan and France heretofore established. Formerly wireless messages from France to Japan were sent from the Bordeaux station and were transmitted indirectly to the Iwaki Station in northern Japan, while the messages were confined to news dispatches.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

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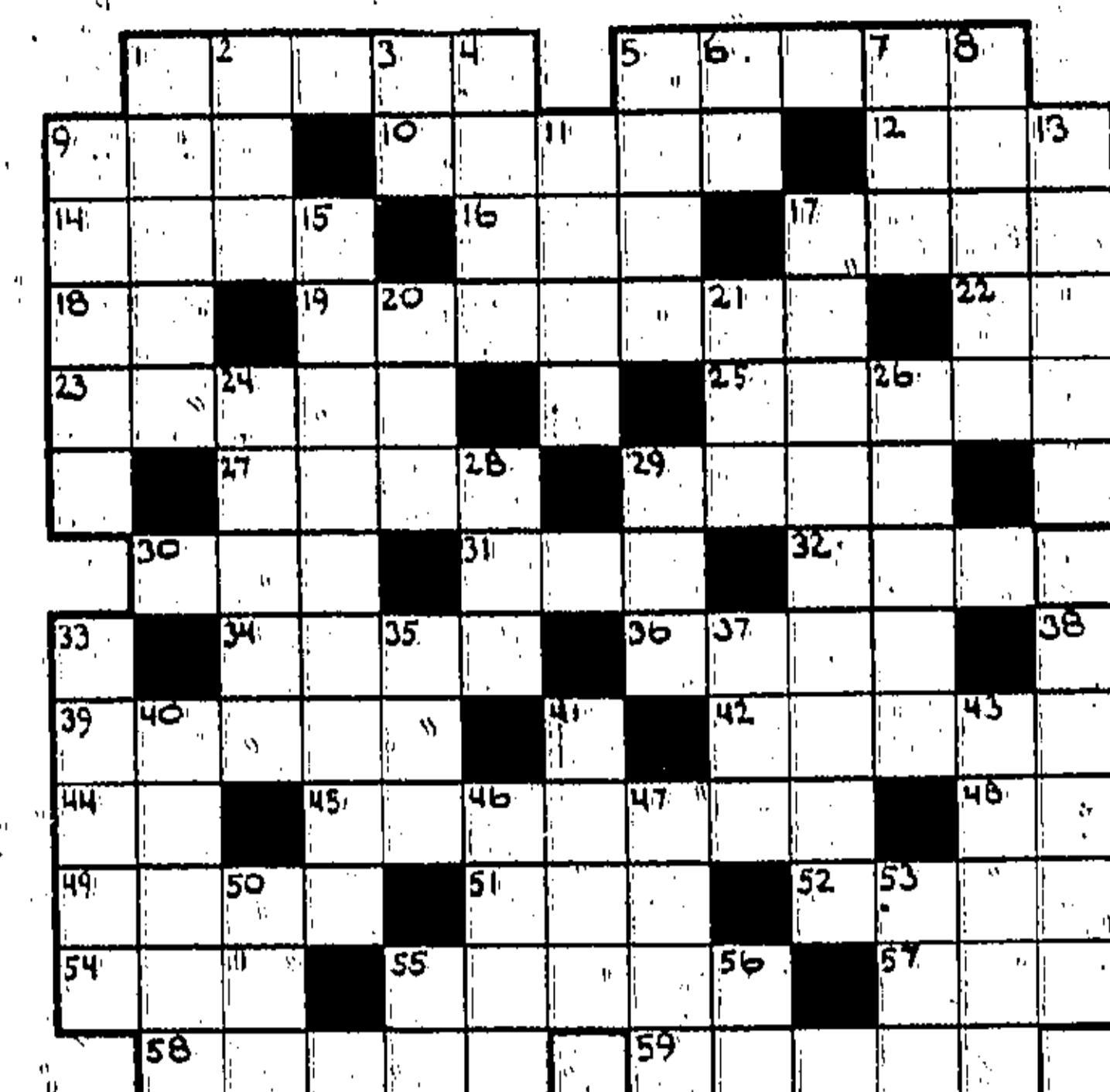
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TENTH WARD
MY OLD
DISTRICT?

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HARD IN THAT
PRECINCT!

MARVELOUS -
THERE'S ONLY
TWO HUNDRED
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

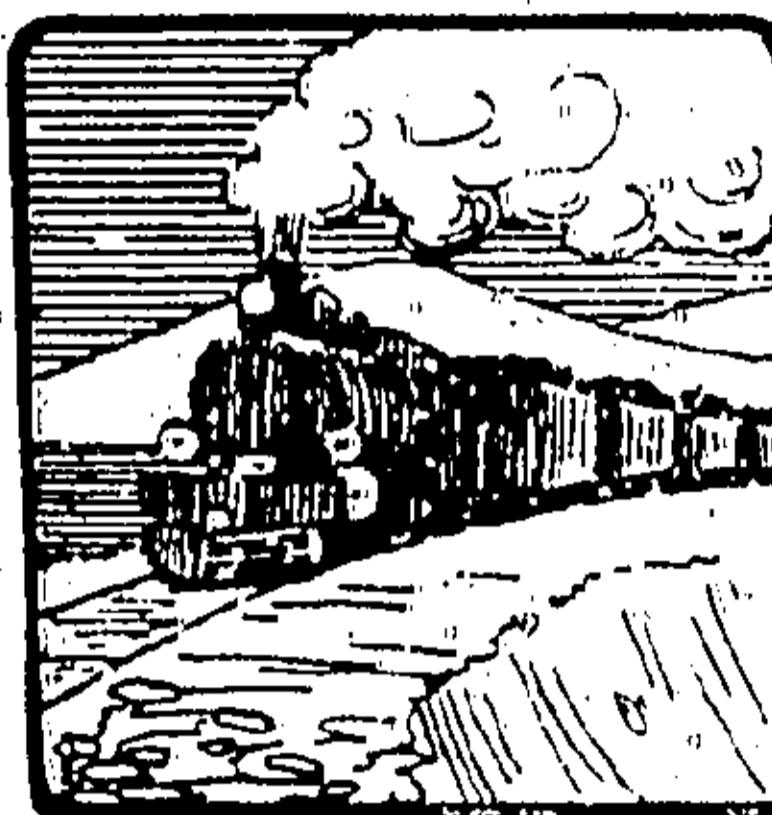


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BEER**THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.**

Losses on Hull Corporation tramways and omnibuses during the past six months exceeded £18,000.

A number of men imprisoned in Cardiff Jail and Durham Prison for offences under the Emergency Powers. Regulations were released under a Home Office order.

Death from Natural Causes was the inquest verdict at Harrow on Colonel E. G. Mercer, aged 63, music master at Harrow School, who was found dead in his room.

The Tudor silver cup which has been in Waterbeach Parish Church, near Cambridge, for several centuries was sold by auction for £3,200 at Calder House Piccadilly, W.

A sentence of a month's imprisonment on a man at Carnarvon, County Donegal, did not take effect until the New Year, to enable the man to spend Christmas with his family.

A hare, hard pressed by the Minehead Harriers during their Boxing Day hunt, took refuge behind some boxes near a shop in Glenmore Road, Minehead, from which it was rescued by a woman, who carried it away wrapped in her shawl.

The Afghan newspapers have published the text of the Russo-Afghan treaty of neutrality and mutual non-aggression, signed at King Amanullah's summer palace at Paghman on August 31, and the treaty of friendship of September 14, 1926.

A message from Melbourne says that detectives who raided suspected premises in Caulfield discovered a complete note-forging plant, and seized about 1,000 spurious £5 notes. The police theory is that the forgers intended to circulate the notes during the Christmas races at Caulfield and elsewhere.

A motor-car, the driver of which was apparently dazzled by the headlights of another car, ran into the tail of a wedding procession of 35 persons near Clermont Ferrand, France. Eighteen members of the party were knocked down and about ten of them, including the bride, were more or less seriously injured.

The Diet of the State of Anhalt has ratified a property agreement concluded between the State Government and the former ducal house. Under this agreement a number of castles as well as valuable pictures and other objects of art, became the property of the State, which in return undertakes to look after the surviving officials and employees of the former ducal household.

Scarborough magistrates refused a licence extension to permit champagne to be served to wedding guests in a local hotel in the afternoon.

At Aberdeen, when John Morrison, cycle agent, Garmond, was fined 20s. for the non-attendance of two of his children at school, it was stated that he was aged 75, had been married twice, and had had 24 children.

At the London Guildhall the Hamilton (Ontario) branch of the Shaftesbury Society and Ragged School Union entertained to a Christmas party 1,200 poor and crippled children from the Mission Schools and Cripple Parlours in London.

In the number of passengers carried London's Underground, omnibuses, and tramway-cars broke three records in December—on Saturday, December 18 (heaviest day's traffic), 5,647,732 passengers were carried; on Christmas Eve, 5,556,000 passengers, and on Boxing Day, 3,099,500 passengers.

The first sod of the North South Australian Railway extension from Oodnadatta northward was turned on January 21 by Dr. Page, the Acting Prime Minister of Australia. The first 21 miles will be built by departmental labour and the rest of the section to connect with the line from Darwin by contract.

The United States Senate has ordered an inquiry into the relationship between the Chester Oil Concessions in Mosul and the State Department's part in the Lausanne Conference which resulted in the general recognition of the Turkish Republic.

The Turkish Government has approved the proposal for establishing a train-ferry across the Bosphorus which will make it possible for the Simplon Orient express, which at present stops at Constantinople, to run through from Paris to Angora.

Among lots to be auctioned for the benefit of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis at the ball at Lansdowne House, W., was a blank canvas upon which Sir William Orpen, R.A., executed portrait of, or on behalf of, the successful bidder.

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expressed by game officials who viewed the fish in the live box. But the really great point was the terrific fight this fish put up. This was so spectacular and so fast and furious, accompanied by such a rush of 160 to 200 feet, that we had no time to take a picture of it.

"My canoe man and myself were busy every second of the time from twenty minutes past four until after dark. In fact, up to the last few minutes of the fight I stood with one foot in the bow of the canoe and chasing the fish back and forth across the stream.

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Straits & Calcutta. Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m. Nagpore 5 p.m.
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AFTER 300 YEARS.

Changes in the Prayer Book.

BRIDES AND THE WORD "OBEY."

Rugby, Feb. 7. Many changes in the Church services are authorised in the proposed new Prayer Book which has been drawn up by the Bishops of the Church of England and was held before the Convocation of Canterbury and York together this afternoon in Westminster.

The proposal to make alterations in the Prayer Book after nearly 300 years has aroused acute controversy, and the recommendations of the bishops are in the nature of a compromise between the Evangelicals on the one hand and the Anglo-Catholics on the other.

The use of the new Prayer Book is not compulsory, and it is dependent on the goodwill of each individual congregation.

The changes affect the Communion and include new forms of service to meet modern conditions and problems.

Important among these is the omission from the marriage service of the promise of the bride to obey and serve her husband.

The bridegroom instead of declaring "with all my worldly goods I thee endow," declares "all my worldly goods I will then share."

Cremation is provided for, and in the prayers for industrial peace and the League of Nations and at election time, developments of the world since the last revision of the year 1662 are freely recognised.

Prayers for dead are for the first time included in the burial service, being authorised for "Those whom we love but see no longer"—British Wireless Service.

Not Yet Final.

London, Feb. 7.

The most important ecclesiastical event in the Church of England in living memory is a meeting of the Convocations of Canterbury and York held in London at which two Archbishops presented a draft copy of the revised Prayer Book prepared by the House of Bishops for final consideration by the Convocation of all proposals of a permissive character to increase the number of general prayers, notably to include reference to the League of Nations and industrial peace.

The proposals involve minor amendment to the services of baptism, marriage and burial, requiring both bride and bridegroom to respond promising to "comfort, honour and keep."

The bride has no longer to promise "obey."

Henceforth there is a reservation that the sacrament shall only be used for communion for the sick.

It is stipulated that changes shall not be used arbitrarily or without the goodwill of the peoples represented in the Parochial Church Council.

The revision has not yet received final form pending consideration by the Convocation which gives its verdict on Feb. 29, after which the Prayer Book will be submitted to Parliament, who may accept or reject it but not amend it.—Reuter.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.

Berlin, Jan. 13.

There are at least 80,000 cases of influenza in Berlin. Eight percent of the workers in offices and factories are affected.

Geneva, Jan. 14.

The League of Nations bulletin shows that influenza has spread to Spain, Greece, Roumania, Poland and other countries hitherto unaffected. The violence of the epidemic is increasing in Germany and declining in Switzerland. The registration of cases has been made compulsory in Poland. Thirteen deaths occurred last week at Amsterdam.

The epidemic has crossed the Mediterranean and has broken out with particular severity in Egypt, which reports 33 deaths out of 171 cases.

LOCAL "ELECTION."

Tremendous Enthusiasm Shown.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

Rugby, Feb. 7. Scenes of tremendous enthusiasm marked the proceedings at the European Y.M.C.A. last night when the three parties who are conducting a "Town Council" election campaign held massed meetings.

More thorough of any party in its organisation was that of the "Socialists" who dressed to their parts and acted in accordance with tradition in "howling-down" opposition speakers.

The Moderates held a meeting during dinner. Messrs. Walker and Keates, the two Moderate candidates, being introduced by Mr. Baxter. Mr. Keates made a humorous speech playing on the nature of the occupations of the Labour leaders and their disinclination for work, also their lack of constructive policy. Mr.

Keates also contrasted the ambitious policy of the Progressives, involving enormous cost on the ratepayers without secured returns, with the more moderate progress advocated by the Moderates.

Mr. Walker had worked out the cost of the proposed schemes in more detail, pointing out that works involving expenditure of something like 264,000 were to fall on the shoulders of about 2,500 ratepayers.

The Socialists meeting which followed in the lounge was ably presided over by Mr. E. G. Bolas. The theme taken by him and by Messrs. Munn, Long and Sands, the succeeding speakers, was that the proposed works were catering for the pampered richer classes. Would not the money be better employed in the erection of better working-class homes and the construction of a playground for their children?

The Progressives had the last word, under the chairmanship of Mr. Murray, other speakers being Messrs. MacArthur and Sewell.

Had not their party whilst in power drawn Miford-on-Sea (the fictitious town taken) from its obscurity, and would it not be for the benefit of all (workers included) that this development should continue? Would not there be larger markets for the fishermen and those interested in the shops of the town?

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